



# MEETING MINUTES

*Ticaboo Utility Improvement District*

**DATE** 4/29/2013

**TIME** 6:35 PM

**PLACE** LDS Church - Ticaboo Branch

**MEMBERS PRESENT** Chip Shortreed  
Jim Bell  
Kim Bean - acting Clerk/Secretary

**MEMBERS PRESENT VIA CONFERENCE CALL** Tom Hill  
Dave Curtis

**MEMBERS ABSENT** Justin Fischer

## MINUTES

IN JUSTIN FISCHER'S ABSENCE, KIM BEAN WAS ASKED TO TAKE THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING.

1 Chip opened the public meeting to discuss the adoption of the New Rate Structure and asked each person present to refer to the FAQ handout

## PUBLIC COMMENTS:

DAN AUSTER-Has the District rec'd any calls or questions since the mailing went out explaining the proposed block power rate structure?

CHIP-Yes. I have received some calls and knocks at my door from people and I have tried to correlate the questions posed into the FAQ's presented today

DAN AUSTER – We all knew increases were coming in one form or another and I have to say I like this idea. The overall increase will be minimal (about \$60/mo) for most of us. It beats the alternative numbers of \$.70 - \$1.00 per Kwh. I personally fall in the middle of two blocks but I will play it safe and upgrade to the next level to be safe. I want to say thanks to the Board for all their hard work on this issue. We are all in this together and it sure could have been much worse.

TERRY BELL – Do you really think after a year or so on this Block Power Agreement rates will be able to decrease?

CHIP – Depends on the Progression of the Project



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JEFF WELKER – The blocks go from 2400 to 4800 and so on...why no 3600 block or say 1000 Kwh step ups?

CHIP – We had to equalize everything to as close to averages as we could. To have too many levels would have proved impossible to manage

BOB COOKSEY – Do you have PUC approval for the rate increase?

CHIP \_ PUC does not govern TUID's rates; however, we still have to file with them. We have to have a public meeting and report the change in rates to the PUC but that is all

DAN LARGENT – Will this effect NPS and Aramark too?

CHIP – Separate project. This will not affect NPS or Aramark

DAN LARGENT – I am concerned about lumping the RV Park and Boat Storage into Ticaboo Resorts Block

CHIP – The RV Park and Boat Storage will remain Small Commercial accounts for base rate but usage will come out of the block purchased by Ticaboo Resorts, LLC. Current Block structure will equate to \$12,000 per month in revenue and make the RV park more attractive for consumers. The RV Park could be very beneficial to the District in terms of usage

DAN LARGENT – Can I buy another house and put that house under my one block agreement?

CHIP – No. We can do this for commercial

DAN LARGENT – What if he (Dave Curtis) Leases or sells one of the businesses, does it come off the block?

CHIP – Lease...no. Only if there is a change in ownership

TOM HILL – Remember for the Boat Shop and the RV Park they are still paying as small commercial accounts but if consumption goes OVER 2000 Kwh/12mo average, it would go to a large commercial account. We still benefit by this. Dave was actually considering closing the RV Park before this plan.

DAVE CURTIS – True. The RV Park costs us to be open now so we were planning to close it down when and if current tenants moved out. Fees associated with individual hook up are not realistic for an RV customer. Now we can market the spaces

KENT HINTZE – Uses Board as an example of Financial flexibility... Dave Curtis, you are not hurting for money, Jim Bell, you are not hurting for money, Tom Hill and Rick Brinkerhoff both are able to live here



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okay, and Chip you don't count because you don't pay anything. Those of us on fixed incomes are the ones hurting and we have no choice but to go along

CHIP – Fair Statement...what is your alternative? To say our votes don't count? We have worked hard to come up with a plan that keeps costs below \$.83/Kwh! What would have happened if that was the outcome? People would have left, pulled off the grid...District dies, town closes down...That's it...THE TOWN WOULD CLOSE DOWN. We are all empathetic to fixed incomes and this plan gives us all "fixed" monthly costs. I will use Bob Cooksey and John Weil as an example. They are full time year round consumers who use under the lowest block of 2400. If they take that block anyway their average increase in rate is about \$30/mo but they have 1200 more Kwh to use and live by. Not everyone will be happy with this plan. Our transient residents will be hit the hardest.

KENT HINTZE – Not criticizing...just wanted to point it out

CHIP – We tried to find a happy medium but we can't accommodate everyone and it was not easy

KENT HINTZE – How come 2400 to 4800 with no 3600 block

CHIP – Smaller blocks would mean more blocks than our current accounting system could handle

MARGARET MITCHELL – You did a fantastic job. Being on a fixed income, I appreciate it! My Question...can I pre-pay and build up a reserve so I don't have to go to the next block?

CHIP – Absolutely

JEFF WELKER – If I go over 2400 towards end of year instead of committing to the next block for another year plus can I just pay the penalty rate for over usage?

CHIP – Yes. And we do not want to lock anyone in. New program so people will need time to adjust

BOB COOKSEY – This is going to cost us more but it's really all we can do

DAN AUSTER – It's better than \$.83/Kwh

TOM HILL – You explained it well. It is not right to point fingers. We (the board) volunteered to look out for this town not just ourselves. Personal Example...I used 4733 Kwh last year. Do I go w/4800 and hope I stay under it? It is an individual decision for all of us and we have to be careful. If we had doubled rates it would have cost everyone more

MARGARET MITCHELL – So the amount for the 4800 block is \$232 per month?



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CHIP – Correct. I will ask for a motion to adopt the new rate schedules. If adopted, consumers will have from 5/1/13-5/31/13 to choose. Anyone who does not pick a block on their own during this time will be assigned to Schedule 1 for residents.

JEFF WELKER – Will meters still be read?

CHIP – yes

DAN AUSTER – Will you be sending out Service Agreements?

CHIP \_ Service Agreements will be mailed out and pre-filled in with customer name and account number etc. It is a 10 page document

DAN AUSTER – Can I just pick up my SA?

CHIP – By law the notices must be mailed, but the service agreements can be picked up.

CHIP – (at 7:20pm) I will close the public portion of this meeting and ask for a motion to adopt the new rate schedules

Motion to accept the new rate schedules as presented made by Jim Bell

2nd by Dave Curtis -

VOTE to adopt was unanimous

New rates will go into effect 6/1/13

New Regulations and Tariff re-write

Motion to Revise Tariff as present made by Tom Hill

2nd by Jim Bell (at the same time as the 2nd DAVE CURTIS requests to table the motion to discuss his recommendation to modify Small Commercial usage limits from 2000 Kwh to 3000 Kwh based on a 12 month average)

TOM HILL – We can't table we have a motion and a 2nd

CHIP – the 2nd and the request to table came in simultaneously in speaking. Motion to approve regulations as revised Recommended by Dave Curtis prior to 2nd to amend Small Commercial. There was discussion by the board regarding the change to the threshold of 2,000 kwh to 3,000 kwh.



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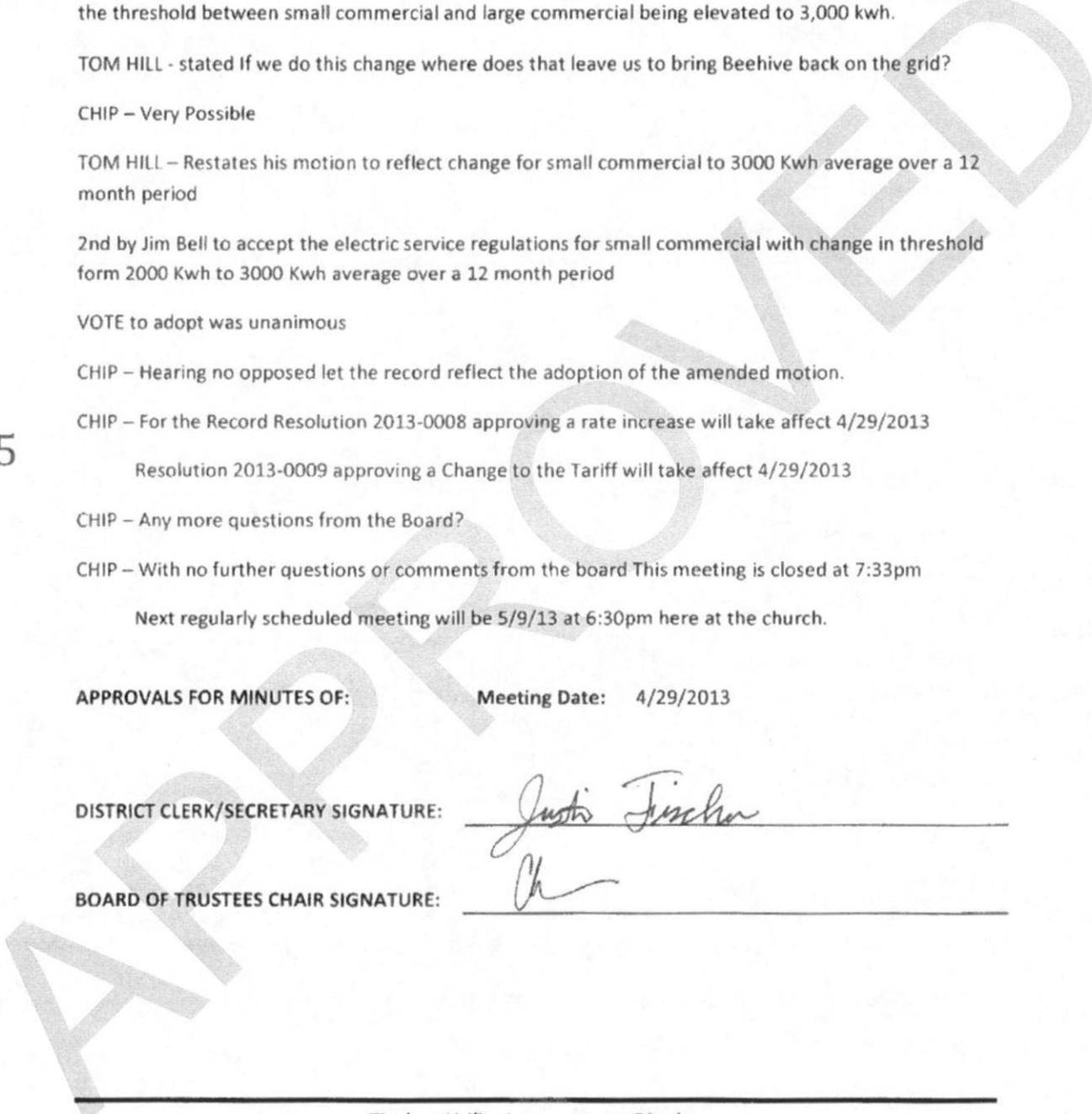
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